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MEMORANDUM FOR: Economic Defense Intelligence Committee

FROM : Executive Secretary, EDIC

SUBJECT : ONI Contribution - "Finnish Merchant Ships
for Communist China"

1. The attached is furnished by the ONI member through the
OSD member for EDIC (EDAC). It may not be released to foreign
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2. Information is provided on Chinese Communist efforts
to purchase old ships from shipowners in Finland, Denmark, Sweden
and Norway. Reference is made to the Finnish vessels AUNE H.,
VAASA, PETSAMO, KOTKA, and WERGUS.

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Conversations held with [REDACTED]
on 8 Feb, [REDACTED] suggesting substitution
of following:

It is believed, therefore, that in deference
to the absolute (CHINCOM) embargo on sale
of merchant ships to Communist China, the
British would cooperate in any reasonable
effort to prevent this vessel's delivery
to the Chinese C. if approached on this
subject.

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